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Mr. Ryan as Aircraft Board Head.

Advisory Aircraft Board may not be hibited by The Hague convention of for our ships of the air all that 1899, Germany signing and ratifying CHARLES M. SCHWAR in his post can the agreement; and it was believed be for our ships of the sea. SCHWAB until the spring of 1915 that no civiknows all about building ships. Per- lized nation bound by that agreement haps Ryan doesn't know anything at would use gas or any other form of all about airplanes. But, to speak in poison in warfare. We may even the bigger sense, who among us does? believe that Germany had qualms-RYAN may not know anything about the last wriggling of a moribund conmotors, may not know anything about science—about using gas in battle, machinery. Nevertheless, it must be for it was not until after its bitter the uniform opinion of all those who rebuffs at the second battle of Ypres have followed the career of Mr. RYAN that the German Generals called for that he is one of our most successful the foul products of the home laboraadministrators of big affairs, possesses tories. From that hour on, and that all the qualities of triumphant leadership of men, knows how to get things Von STRIN's remarkable statement, the done and to get them done right. With his gifts of leadership and has never denied that he took the

able to command the cooperation of used it, and properly so, in reprisal. the man or the men best fitted to design and work out motors, planes and other equipment of air fighters. He will agree to renounce the use of gas. ought to be able to get out of those Have there been murmurings inside men the very best that is in them. Germany from the relatives of sol-He ought to be able to place at their diers with burned lungs? Or has disposal all the material and all the news come to Germany through its labor they need for quick results and acute spy system that some chemist sure results. These are the very in one of the allied countries has fruits of administrative genius and worked out a gas far more deadly superlative leadership.

Getting things done has been, with few exceptions, the cardinal weakness of the national Administration in this war. Great policies have been conceived, great programmes have been adopted, but in only rare instances have the men been put on the in creation isn't worth a rap, in prac- keep their word. tical effect, until it is executed. For h whole year we had many fine principles and big plans without execuplanes built, each in his own way, we to be underestimated. seem to have entered the era of delivering the goods.

This is the best thing that has happened yet in our war programme of marvellous results.

The Polygamy Propaganda in Germany.

The revival of polygamy in Gerovercome the shortage of German brothers in the national armies. fathers is to allow every German to siderable portion of its noblest racial refused to submit to its terms. blood. This is a patriotic idea. A of the birth rate."

Empire? Are the Roman Catholics of not disregard their rights. Germany indifferent to such an astounding proposition as that which was not insensible of the danger in we have mentioned? Are the Ger- which he stood. He visualized an materialism run mad in order to pro- State through its northwestern cor-

monogamic marriage? the restoration of polygamy are con- ing the innocent natives to bet on the clusive; but apart from religion, the experience of mankind has demonstrated the superiority of monogamy. famous chapter on the position of maintaining that the lifelong union cumstances allowed. of one man and of one woman should

whole most conducive to the happi- they will be sent to the cantonments ness and also to the moral elevation

of all parties." The proposed return to polygamy in Germany therefore finds no more sanction in morals than it does in religion. It is a monstrous project, too monstrous to warrant serious discussion if it were put forward anywhere else but in Prussia. Since the outbreak of the present war, however, it may not safely be asserted that any measure is too shocking for adoption by Prussian leaders.

There is one place where great interest should be aroused by this poygamy propaganda in Germany. That is the palace of the Vatican in Rome.

Is Gormany Sick of Gas?

The Prussian Minister of War, General von STEIN, informed the main committee of the Reichstag that his gallant chemists are now manufacturing an invisible gas; "the enemy has not caught up to us." He boasted also that it was the Germans who origi nated the employment of carbonic oxide gas in the war, "and the enemy soon followed." He wished the Reichs tag to understand, however, that, thanks to the German masks, the en emy gas attacks in the present battle amounted to but little. He closed his dissertation on gas with a peculiar statement:

"No country will agree to renous the use of gas. It is therefore necessary deserters and German slackers, for for our experts to labor continuously to keep us ahead."

Even the members of the Reichstan

must have smiled at the first sentence here quoted. The use of gas was prowas three years and a day before Prussian has used poison gas and he achievement Mr. Ryan ought to be beloous initiative. The Allies have

What is the significance of the Wa Minister's statement that "no country than the Germans have been able to make? Is Von Stein angling for an invitation from some humane neutral to join in the restoration of the old rules of war, now that Germany has

been bitten with her own teeth? General Von Stein is literally right, after all, but not in quite the way he job who could carry out such under- means. No allied country is likely to takings. One of the most heartening quit the use of gas, for the reason signs of the day is the obvious awak- that if the Prussian warriors swore ening of President Wilson to the to renounce the barbarity the Allies truth that the best thought out plan would know that they did not mean to

The Sourdough Rebellion.

The importance of the insurrection tion. Now, with a Schwab on the job in Alaska, news of which has just of getting us ships built and with a reached us from the Provest Marshal

The facts are simple. On the enactment of the selective draft law the fire. registration of men liable to military service was carried out in our north ngainst the Prussian fighting machine ernmost territory as it was elsewhere. In all 9,090 Alaskans enrolled.

Following this, the Provost Marshal General, bearing the name of Chowden, examined the map of Alaske, studied the census returns, and, many is seriously advocated by an after deliberation, decided that on influential scientific journal published account of the inaccessibility of many in that country known as the Politico- of the settlements in the Territory Anthropological Monthly Review. In the draft should not be applied to an important article on the subject the American residents therein estabof marriage after the war this publi- lished, and that to them should be cation insists that the only way to denied the privilege of joining their this subject is inspiring doubt in the

This decision, autocratic and indemarry as many women as he can fensible, was made known to the law care for, and that this proposition de- abiding people of Alaska forthwith. mands early consideration on the part and they, with a praiseworthy insistof the Imperial Govenment. "Ger- ence on their rights as freemen and many," we are told, "has lost a con- citizens, after taking counsel together,

With the same vigor that characdecent form would have to be found terized the peace loving inhabitants for this kind of polygamy, which is when they folled the efforts of the the only way to combut the reduction mob to lynch Soapy SMITH, the defenders of public order banded them-Has religion perished off the face selves together to conserve their miliof the earth in Germany? When the tary privileges, and notified CROWDER headway everywhere else, can it be in Alaska as it was elsewhere they possible that woman's degradation, in would march on Washington, depose the form of polygamy, is to become the Provost Marshal General, and esa fundamental policy of the German tablish in his place a man who would

For Chowden it can be said that he The religious considerations against by the ingenious expedient of induc-

less capable dog teams. He recognized the simplicity and the inevitable triumph of the proposed invasion; needed now. But, regardless of this, LECKY, the Irish historian, in his perhaps he caught a glimpse of the the individuals guilty of her mishap, inherent justice of the contentions whether they are enemies of the women in his "History of European put forward by the Alaskans; and he United States or merely incompetents, Morals," found "ample grounds for capitulated as gracefully as the cir-

Consequently, the full quota of sonrbe the normal or dominant type of doughs will assemble in Haines, at intercourse between the sexes. We Fort William H. Seward, for pre-

to acquire final polish.

We know what kind of soldlers they will make. They will submit cheerfully to discipline, endure hardships uncomplainingly, and acquit themselves honorably; and Provost Marshal General CROWDER will be mighty glad they refused to be cheated out of their rights by the laziness of the War Department.

The Swiss and the Hun.

Once more Switzerland is in the "energetic protest" stage of discus sion with Germany. The sinking of the short cut route through France. continues to stir the Swiss people profoundly. There is developing a minatory attitude among them with specifications of retaliatory acts invitingly open to mobilization in the event of

Besides being made a base for Teu tonic espionage from the beginning of the war. Switzerland has also become a storage warehouse for German goods pending post bellum freedom of export. In addition to that, she has long been a receiving hospital for German war wreckage a harbor of refuge for tens of thousands of Ger man women and children, for German all the wretched human flotsam and in Independence Hall. jetsam cast adrift and starving in the wake of the Teutonic war charlots. All these people she has been feeding and caring for from her own scant supplies. Now Kultur has set shout cutting off a large portion of those

supplies at the source. What are the Swiss going to do about it? They talk of rounding up Kaiser despairingly, "to preserve the the hordes of unhappy creatures and world from these horrors?" turning them loose in Germany again: they talk of cutting down the rations they talk of cutting down the rations ed on complaint of Miss Anna Zelick, of over 80,000 German children they Miss Elizabeth Schmaltz and Joseph are feeding; they talk of doing this and that and the other thing which they know very well their kindly. humane hearts will never let them do. As a matter of fact, they will do nothing. They are helpless. So they go knocking at the iron gates of the barbarian headquarters, and there they stop and must stop, for, like the the ever imminent brute threat of Belgium's horrors.

Thus it is that for the Swiss, like so many of the smaller nations of the earth, there is naught to do save pray for a speedy coming of the day when the foul beast shall be slain and a tortured world delivered from his

What Happened at Seicheprey. It is announced in Washington that the Americans killed in the German attack near Seicheprey on April 20 numbered fewer than twelve, and that the injured did not exceed a

We trust it is not disloyal to utter the hope that some day the War Department may consent to tell the country exactly what happened near

The Germans say a sanguinary encounter took place there in which their troops conducted a successful service. I am in this draft and I want enterprise, capturing nearly 200 Amer- to volunteer where I should be of most icans. They do not minimize their service, and having experience I wanted achievement by accusing their opponents of cowardice, but they do charge

our troops with lack of military skill. The French have complimented our Ryan on the job of getting us air- General's office in Washington, is not forces on their behavior, and have praised a number of individuals among them for their conduct under

Newspaper correspondents have been permitted to send to this country despatches in which the vigor of the attack and the valor of the defence have been recounted.

The exploits of Salvation Army canteen attendants, army surgeons stretcher bearers and others have beeen told at length.

Yet nobody in this country know from any official announcement that anything out of the ordinary happened at Seicheprey; and the reticence that rules in Washington on authenticity of the report that there were any Americans in that interest ing community.

Who Sank the St. Paul?

The steamship St. Paul sank at her pier yesterday, immediately after coming out of dry dock, through the act of an allen enemy or a treasonable American, or because of the gross carelessness of some responsible individual.

Whoever is responsible should be punished as severely as the law allows. There must be no tenderness advancement of woman is making that unless the draft was carried out for the person who perpetrated this deed, if it was done deliberately, or able and successful president of the female for the negligent officer who took the ship to her berth in improper condition, if it turns out on investigation that this occurred.

If the St. Paul was demaged by design, it seems plain that the authors of the deed hoped to sink her man Protestants blind and the Teu- army of intrepld sourdoughs, each on in the channel, where she would tonic Hebrews deaf? Has German his dog sled, penetrating Washington prove a bothersome, if not dangerous, obstruction to navigation. This was mote the propagation of man on a ner, and progressing diagonally across averted only by the fact that she relarger scale than is practicable with the country to the banks of the Po- meined affoat until she reached the tomac, collecting funds on their trip wharf at which she was to have been | Set fire to withered brush and tree tled up.

It is reported that the ship can be raised and repaired. We hope so. Eleven thousand tons of ship are must be brought to justice.

The explanation from Washington concerning the Red Cross Commission to Palestine and other parts of Syria is satisfactory and reassuring. It sets can prove," he said, "that it is on the liminary instruction, and subsequently forth the fact that this is an expedi-

tion of workers, not merely of investigators and students of conditions. Perhaps the first announcements of the purpose of the elaborate under-taking did not make quite clear the extent to which actual practical relief was to be the function of the fiftyseven members of the commission the capable direction of Dr JOHN H. FINLAY. If relief and not search work is the main feature of the programme, and if the numerous oners are to remain on the the only reason for criticism, namely on the ground of expediency and economy of war effort.

In to-day's German wireless the fo the Sardinero, laden with cereals despers found on American aviators who tined for Geneva by way of Cette and were shot down it has been proved that for their own safety many of them crossed over on hospital ships, certified as members of the American ambulance service in France."—Statement of the

As hospital ships are favorite game of German submarines it is difficult to open to mobilization in the event of see how American aviators would confurther brutalities or in default of tribute to their safety by travelling German atonement for those already aboard such vessels. As a matter of plain German lie, suggested probably by the circumstance that numerous Americans who went to France to joined the fighting forces, wherein of the Huns than they had been in their original occupation, but enjoy the

Perhaps the War Department would simply convey to Philadelphia's politiclans the idea that it is a Liberty Bell, not a License Bell, which it cherishe

At Achiet le Grande there were two hospitals where, several nights ago, shells began falling. The orderlies were killed and the operating theatre was destroyed. The hospitals fell back to that night by airmen.-From the Brit

"What have I not done," asked the

One JOHN DOWLING has been arrest Volume, charged with tearing a Brit ish flag from the Shakespeare statue in Central Park. It was Mr. Shakespears who asked "What's in name?"

It is announced that headquarters of master's Corps will be moved from Washington to this city as soon as possible. Mr. Schwas's first act Hollanders, over their heads hangs to get the head offices of the ship construction establishment out of the national capital. Is the Potomac air considered unhealthful for hustlers?

> Not even the name "Liberty cab bage" could make sauerkraut sethetic. We do not yet know the amount

indemnity we shall win.—The Secretary of the German Imperial Treasury. It will be as valuable as the hole n an imaginary pretzel.

If of safety you are fond buy a Third Loan Liberty bond.

SEE YOUR DRAFT BOARD. A Man Limble to Conscription Wh Wants to Volunteer.

THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: am Irish and have declared my intentions of becoming an American citizen. having my first papers. I went to the Navy Yard to enlist as a seaman, but and a half years in the English Nava Reserve and three years in merchant o go on a transport or in the merchan service. I do not want an easy job. I also went to 51 Chambers street join the Naval Reserve and they would

it is fair, as I am with this country and England to win the war. I am not afraid of the army, but I want to go to the work I know. A CONSTANT READER.

BROOKLYN, April 25.

STOP USING WHEAT. The National Housewives League Moves for Conservation

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The ollowing action was taken at a mee of the executive committee of the Naional Housewives League on April 24: Every ounce of available wheat is needed

ived. That the executive committee of the National Housewives League requeste each member of the League through of wheat until next harvest and to conduc active propagands on this measure. JENNIE DEWET HEATH.

The Brilliant Bainbow Hues of Kentuckia

From the Charlotte Chronicle. The levely and elegant home of that from prince of hospitality, the big hearted and noble souled John Wheeler, was a radiant scene of enchanting loveliness, for able Miss Alice, the beautiful daughter of Mr. Wheeler, and his refined and most ax and sweetest graces, dedicated her life's ministry to Dr. William H. Osgood, the brilliant and gifted and talented son of the learned Professor Osgood, the very

Ballade of Bonds.

In Hades, Attlia the Hun Caused things to go quite heatedly. The Manes said: "The upper sun Is fitting for such shades as he." And so across the lifeless se Old Charon brought him to the world Where armies formed to keep men free Are marching with their fage unfurled

"I will undo what men have done On mountain slopes, quite secretly And on the earth dense smoke cloud

But armies over bill and les Are marching with their dags unfurled Because in mountain cities none

Were taught to bend the conquered knee

As subjects, the slow fire begun

Shall back to Hades' shades be hurled! And armies fighting tyranny Are marching with their flags

Reader, Bonds are your banners. See The smoke above the cities whiried! Then join those who, for Liberty
Are marching with their flags unfurled!
HATHERING T. CROWLEL.

THAT SAWED OFF SHOTGUN. Served So Well Against Stage Robbers That General Pershing

Is Using It Against the Huns Even to-day in the Sierra Nevadas where little mining camps send out old dust by stage to be carried from the nearest railway station to the San rides with the driver if there is a gold shipment in the box. The barrel of the gun is shortened for the sake of convenience in handling in close, quarters, and its efficiency for its particu lar work is not lessened, as it is used nly to quiet a robber who has suddenly appeared close by the side of the treasure stage with the laconic com-

The messenger as he is called where carries his gun across his knees where langer seems light, or lightly in his job is to shoot any one so careless as to step out from behind a tree or rock to the side of the stage, and shoot pefore the intruder gets the drop. Mountain folk who want to take a fact, they didn't; the statement is a stage between stations make themthe road before the stage rolls into

If a messenger fails to see a robber before the latter has him covered the was one instance where the rule was in the Sierra Nevadas tell about today. On a stage out from Bodie was a shipment of bullion consigned to the Carson mint. The messenger was balanced in his hands passing the danger spots, or resting on his knees where the cover seemed to be too thin to conceal a robber by the side of the

On one good stretch the messenger gripped his gun between his knees while both hands sought in the pockets of his heavy coat for the makings. The of straggly sage brush two men leaped, one to the bridle of the off leader mule, one to the off side of the period. tage. They had the drop on both nessenger and driver.

stage.

The messenger thought one-quarter of a second—he was precise in telling that part of the story-and then, without having to invite a bullet by n ing his gun or hand, he pulled the trigger of the right barrel. So many things happened in the remaining bree-quarters of the first second after the command that they make a long and lovely story as one listens to an

The short of the story is that the shot shredded the ears of the leaders, and generally speaking those mule did the rest. The six mules bounded ahead, startled and indignant. robber at the bridle was kicked in rapid succession by the off leader, off swing and off wheeler, so his pistol alm was not good, and the robber at rear wheels, and his aim was not good. to this, did the next mile in minutes flat, and there was no time when more than two stage wheels were on the road at the same time.

the messenger admitted, "but I never ruly made up with them lead mules. They never seemed to relish me after that little sawed off spoke to them.

DO AWAY WITH "THE." A Scheme to Save Paper and Perhaps

Time, but Not Temper. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In hese times of saving, acceleration and time is being wasted until these plans tary in its nature than I had dreamed chirography is legible, which is a rare substitution, for national as well as for and specifications are issued. personal purposes, it would be a good plan to save time, effort and paper kind of writing is done by every one. As a simple way for any one to increase his or her speed in writing, scientifically and without working the fingers faster, by the employment of an experiment alike to penmen and to typewriter op- will be made after delivery. erators, I Suggest that the sign / which s easily scripted and is found on every the same evil effects next winter that typewriter keyboard, be used henceforth indicate fractions, as 7/16, but also to

It can also be used to represent the first three letters in such frequently used words as theatre, theatrical, thee, their, them, then, theory, theoretical, there, these, they, &c.

As the / does not represent a sound, as does the t or s, and therefore can never coalesce phonetically with any alphabetical character either preceding or following, the mark requires no separating space. Examples of use:

When, in/course of human events, becomes necessary for one people to dissolve/political bonds which have connected/m with another, and to asand equal station to which/laws of nature and of nature's God entitle/m ind requires that /y should declare / causes which impel/m to/separation

In /above extract from/Declaration of Independence is shown an application Cupid had brought one of his finest offer- of/new principle in time and labor saving. I invite/numerous letter writers of/city of New York and vicinity to use/device in/ir correspondence and to report/results to/SUN, at/same time giving/ir estimates of/time/y gain and of/increased speed which/y attain.

NEW YORK, April 25.

Progress of the Domestic Arts on Hat Ornamentation.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Re cently I saw a novel hat ornament. a gilded (or is it gilt?) chicken foot, sewed on, upright, to the crown of a picture hat; no other trimming.

Such things as chicken wings, heads and talls we have long known as hat Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C. have it on good authority that nex season it will be drumsticks, chicken livers and second joints. All right, let 'em come : we'll wear

em. We'll wear anything in style. O. U. FERMAIL. New York, April 25.

The Street Cries of New York. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SITE

Among the street cries of New York, "I eash clothes" and "Rags and bottles," believe, have always been in the lead. When living in Harlem some fifteen years ago I counted twenty-two stree hawkers of all kinds passing my window between 9 A. M. and 4:30 P. M. The locality in those days was otherwise NEW ROCHELLE, April 25.

THE TRIP TO PALESTINE. Authoritative Explanation of the

Purpose of the Commission. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: Th litorial article in THE SUN of April 22 relative to the Red Cross Commission to Palestine suggests the need of explanation. Possibly insufficient informs tion was given as to the purposes of the The editorial article commented on the investigatory side of probably this was a laborious method of appraising the needs of Palestine The history of the cor

follows: seven neonle left about a month ago for Palestine via Cape Town. Dr. Finley is sailing immediately to head the com dission, going directly to Palestine via England, expecting to reach there about the same time as the main portion of ta. His the commission.

The commission is composed almos entirely of doctors and social workers Several business men are also included. It sailed under the direction of Dr was professor of surgery in the American University at Beirut, Syria, Dr Ward has receptly been in this country, and the appointment of the comof conferences between him and the Red is said to be due to the businesslike or Cross officials in Washington. He came ganization and medical skill for which back to America by way of England these particular hospitals are noted. and discussed the entire matter there lowing this, interested the war council n undertaking this work.

even a few miles, without some loss of It is the intention of the commission nien and material. Events in France to undertake actual relief work in Palestine, doing everything it can to alle- during this week of April have led viate the conditions there, and, in addition to its practical work, to educate with the army, for it stands to reason that in any toll of prisoners taken the people of Palestine through example from its field forces a certain percentto more modern surgical and medical age will represent the medical persion will, of course, observe conditions while conducting its work there and will outline to the war council a plan for its continuing task. It is expected remain in Palestine for a considerable

The ship on which the sailed carried 800 tons of freight, con "Throw down the box:" commanded sisting of the equipment necessary give a start to the work. Another ship ably not large, but even a small loss of these officers is a matter of imis being loaded at the present time to supply the commission with additional RED CROSS. material. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.

RAILROAD EQUIPMENT. Dangers Involved in Delaying Orders for Rolling Stock.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUNwas intensely interested in the leading editorial article in THE SUN of Apri 23, headed "Cars to Haul Coal." It seems to me that the warning not ountry. Those who are familiar with the coal situation know that the whole ment, and there is no doubt but what the causes for this lack of equipment

are fully understood. In spite of all the lessons which experience in the shipbuilding, aero plane and other Government depart nents. I believe that the railroad ad ministration is travelling along the same equipment which will cause untold privation and misery during the coming winter.

I am credibly informed that the rail road administration has held up the purchase of any cars or locomotives until standard specifications and designs of the same can be got out, and other headquarters. that instead of going ahead and purwhen this can best be done, precious

I understand that in one of the proposed standard types of locomotives the stock in the writing of letters, which height of the locomotive is so great that it would not clear in the Hoosac Tuneasy expedient free to all and available have to run, changes in the locomotives

only in connection with figures to aeroplane motor and the best known machine gun has had on our prepared nese for battle with the Germans. It seems to me that this is no time to experiment and design new types, whe well known and tried types can be had mmediately.

TROY, April 25. The Sentiment Is Admirable. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: How

To beat the Hun, The son of a gun, We must and will Give our Liberty mun. JAMAICA, L. I., April 25. G. M. M.

Poetle Message to Wilhelm. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Hond boom. Kalser's doom NEW YORK, April 25.

Take Your Choice. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: He is this one:

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., April 25. J. H. A Quotation Improperly Credited to

the Soldiers' Paper. lation to the National Service" is as

unfortunate in its quotation as it is untrue, and tends to antagonise different branches of the United States service. The communication states that the Gas Attack, called the official paper of the Twenty-seventh Division, now at says:

printed even in the smallest print-that in the judgment of inspectors, the New York National Guard troops at Spartan burg are not, after six months training, as far along toward being dependable sol diers as the National Army troops (als from New York) at Yaphank, &c.

The Gas Attack said no such thing. The editors quoted from Life the arti-cle, of which the first paragraph is given above, and sharply criticised it. See Gas Attack for April 6.

TRUMAN H. BALDWIN. NEW YORK, April 25.

From the Illinois State Journal.
Following this number he will play violin solo with a seventy pound English

THE BRITISH HOSPITALS IN NORTHERN FRANCE ESCAPE THE DRIVE.

Need of Medical Reenforcements Emphasized by Recent Experience.

but fortunately the German drive was

a wise forethought to place the differ-

whole system of hospitals was threat-

ened, but it now appears that the Ger-

hills concealing trenches and cannon.

transport and care of wounded were

carried on in this region with wonder-

ful promptitude and method; some of

the men, after having their wounds

the same day as the battle. The result

ore medical men are needed. Under

modern conditions of battle an arm;

is not in a position to lose ground

often be a high one, as in the zone of

the clearing stations mobility canno

be considered as a factor, while fur-

ther forward, near the battle lines, the

good their retreat. It is not yet

known for certain how many medica

men are missing: the number is prob

portance owing to conditions brought

about directly by the war. It is on

this account that the London papers

have called attention to the possibility

the wounded who cannot make

British hospitals on the Somme had | ments, with the inevitable demands upon the medical service. critical week from April 1 to the 8th, The situation is summed up in a let ter issued by the Ministry of National stopped before the hills on which the stopped before the hills on which the admirably planned buildings for the civilian medical men now available is small, and in many directions that sick and wounded are situated. It was number has been found insufficient for the needs of the home population. One ent pavilions and casualty clearing sentence from the letter gives a good sentence from the letter gives a good general idea of the campaign for mediby fortifications. For a few days the taken from the class of older but active physicians in the cities and towns. This reserve, including men up to his man tide was rolled back in time and years of age, has not been tapped so spent itself against fold behind fold of 'We are aware," runs the appeal, "that the number of men in these classes who can be available is small, and we know that in many areas the number the Ministry of National Service the duced to a level which has caused anxiety to medical authorities; but the situation which has to be faced is seridressed, arrived at Charing Cross on ous, and we are confident that the vol untary spirit of medical men will face it. Every one of them who responds immediately will be performing an act

of practical patriotism."

This statement brings up the ques-Allied armies in France, and throws an entirely new light on the general expressed in a nutshell. It battles on the scale of the last occur severs times during the summ vital to the success of the troops w arise. In fact there are not enough octors and hospital beds at present and it is perfectly obvious that the future. Such things cannot be left to chance, or the work of treating the satisfactory, haphasard and partis manner. If another succession of har ties takes place the medical service will be forced to start on its grea work handicapped in organization and training and faced in many areas and fields with the prospect of a "par time" surgeon who will be regarded by his soldier patients as another kin of amateur doctor. In France and being circularized on the subject, and of a shortage of surgeons. Such a ortage, even if temporary, must be it is hoped that the gaps in personne met promptly, as the present time is will speedily be filled up with experone favorable to military engage- enced, well trained surgeons. B.

THE Y. M. C. A. NEEDS MEN. Non-Religious Activities Call for Good What Is Adequate Punishment for the Margin Defacer! Workers.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: At tached is an extract from a letter re- to Kaiser Bill the highwayman at ceived to-day from a Y. M. C. A. worker his gang the most despicable objects of in Paris. Its publication should help earth are those who write margina along the good work the Y. M. C. A. is doing. It needs men, and lots of them, Their principal fields of desecration are and not necessarily young men.

W. M. WYBURN. NEW YORK, April 25.

From a T. M. C. A. worker in France. investigating the nature of the work over

over here by the hundreds, and there are good citizenship in my failure to reporelenty of places they can help without him to an attendant, which would have feeling that religion has anything to do entailed ignominous expulsion, or, be with it; of course they must be men who will not disgrace the organization, but the violation of a clearly defined statute fewer handle the religious end than any as to mutilation or disfigurement

"Men understand the situation better now than they did and any reasonably dissent from the presentations of the known, well tried and most largely used clean man can be put to good use, and authors of the books, and for th types, and getting the cars of coal run- the more brains, ability and initiative he guidance of succeeding readers, who "The work here is more largely mili- and in the blind confidence that the

RISTORI AND BOOTH. They Appeared Together in Only One Performance.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-86: In he war news the other day was at item from Italy which read: "The Austrians have melted for ammunition the statue erected in memory of an actress, Adelaide Ristori, who once played in America with Edwin Booth.'

Ristori made her first appearance in

New York in September, 1866, at the Theatre Française, which occupied the selde from violation of law, is an insulf site where the present Fourteenth Street Theatre stands. Her triumph was the noted event of the stage in those days. seing the most artistic and financial success known in the theatre. During the following years she made many visits to this country, and on May 7, 1885, appeared with Edwin Booth at the Academy of Music in "Macbeth," at what was advertised as her "farewel appearance" in America. This was the only time Ristort and Booth appeared together. The critics of those days were not enamored of the performance. "Regarded as a whole," said one, "this lat-est representation of 'Macbeth' could only be appreciated by admirers of a past school of acting. To modern ears it was merely rant and words." Ristori at this time was 63 years of age and Booth was in his fifty-second year. While this performance was announced as positively the last, she followed the fashion of those days and gave another "farewell" at the Thalia Theatre in the

Bowery. were Medea in the Franco-Italian trag edy of that name, and Lody Macbeth. At the height of her career an eminent To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The "If the tragic muse were to be depicted dramatic writer in speaking of her said : communication signed "F." on the edi-torial page of THE SUN of April 23 en-is those of Adelaide Ristori which she

would ass To the Italian people she was looked upon almost as a saint, and the monument which is reported destroyed was erected by her countrymen and women at her birthplace, a small town near Venice, as a token of their love and ven eration for one of their greatest artists. CHARLES BURNHAM.

NEW YORK, April 25. On the Trail in the Osarks. Oakland correspondence Clarkeville Democrat. Chicken thieves are plentiful in this

mmunity. One of them wore English

Busy Patriots. Within our modest little town Two patriots abide, And one is Jinks and one is Brown,

And both are true and tried. Brown weighs each world event and fact With serious intent, Deciding just how he would act If he were President

Jinks scans his small affairs anew. While earnestly he thinks Just what the President would do

BOOK SPOILERS.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SE! No notes on books that they do not ow: the public libraries, wherein they wa low. A few days ago I saw an inte lectual looking idiot reading room of the Fifth Avenue I. brary savagely engrossing with a sc pencil the margins of pages of a re-

cently issued book, judging from !! resh appearance. I confess my lack of the quality of

Such notes are usually written !

and well worth while for any good man." instance. Viewing recently the vaporings of one of these asses, in a paragraph of twentytwo words six were unreadable after strong efforts at the task, the contex

furnishing no clue to the mystery of the ravings. I have never seen in these notes et pressions of approval. A better measure would seem to be a communitation addressed to the author through his publishers, or to write a dispurant work so comprehensible and impectable that publishers would engage in violent competition for the privilege and profit of issuance. The custom complained of to succeeding readers, who may entertain contrary views to the authors of the books without offensive projection

into subjects to which they have not given as prolonged thought. NEW YORK, April 25. DECENCY.

TRADE BRIEFS. the Monoton, New Brunswick, consum district that there is at present an un-usually large demand for marie arrup Moneton is a centre for the production of maple products and it is estimated that 50,000 trees have been tapped this reason. The total yield is valued at about \$10,000.

New tariff regulations in Nicaragua per mit the free entry of samples which are of small commercial value or which are not salable. Commercial samples of a value not exceeding \$5,000 may be at mitted without payment of day under onditional upon reexportation within alt months.

There is a market in Spain tackle and rope. A list of dealers in these supplies can be obtained at the Bureau foreign and Domestic Commerce, 734 Cas tom House, this city, by reference to I .

In 1911 exports from the Philippines were valued at \$95,634,307 and the imports at \$65,790,826. There were exported \$5 000 tons of copra and 45,000 1 m of spits increased transportation difficults Dutch Bornes presents a fair market for carpenters' tools of good quality planes, caws, squares and dividers. A market for grindstones and other shaffening devices might also be deve to 1 A mill capable of grinding 1 het tens A mili capable of grinding and of sugar cane daily is to be earled in the Dominican Republic. The marriage and equipment will be purchased in the country, and dealers interested in security.

American manufacturers of married suitable for making condensed coll exact erated milk are asked to communitate with a firm in the West Indies

Louisiana's Patriotic Red Birds.

orders for these supplies thou !

cate with the Bureau of Fore at

mestic Commerce, Custom II me. Tork, and refer to File No 20101

From the Itta Bena Temes Even the lits Bens red bris no joined the ranks of the patriots and the ling out in the early mornings: Work! Work! Work!" and are right about it. That's to do your part to help win the day your lasy self out of bed betimes these